GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SCREENING TEST OF DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian students who obtain medical education from out of India are required to qualify a screening test for practicing in India;

(b) if so, the reasons for imposing such a screening test;

(c) whether the Government propose to do away with the requirement of screening test; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It was noted over a period of time that there was no uniformity in the standards of medical education in various foreign countries and therefore, it was felt that the knowledge and skills of Indian citizens possessing such qualifications should be evaluated before they could be allowed registration to practice medicine in India. Accordingly, the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 was amended in the year 2001 to provide for Screening test.

(c) & (d): No such decision has been taken by the Government.